



# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

**IN RE APPLICATION OF:****Serial No.:****Filed:****Group Art Unit:****Title:****Romano, Jack W. et.al.****10/730,297****12/08/2003****3761****Method and Apparatus For  
Converting Supplies and  
Reducing Waste****Examiner:****Michael G. Bogart**

## Amendment

**Commissioner For Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450****Honorable Commissioner:**

In response to the Detailed Office Action dated 03/04/2005, please consider the above identified patent application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

- 1) Please cancel claims 1-3 without prejudice and with reservation of rights.
- 2) Please add new claims 4-24 and enter these new claims into the record for consideration.

## **Remarks**

The Office Action dated 03/04/2005 has been carefully considered. Please note the enclosed Form PTO/SB/22 Petition For Extension Of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and check # 5116 in the amount of \$510.00 which is the proper fee for a small entity for a three month extension. Also enclosed is check # 5117 in the amount of \$25.00 which is the proper fee amount for one dependent claim over the 20 claim limit which is indicated on the enclosed form PTO/SB 17.

## Reply to the aforesaid Detailed Action

It is noted: Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 1, lines 10 and 12, there are second and third recitations of "a lid". From the context of a claim as a whole, it appears as if this is referring to the same lid recited in line 8. If this is the case, the second recitation of "a lid" should be referred as "said lid" to clarify this. Alternatively, if a second or third lid is what applicants intended to claim, then "a second lid", "third lid", etc., should be used. In line 11, there is also a second recitation of "a delivery container", (see line 9). The same objection discussed in the preceding paragraph applies here.



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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
**For FY 2005**☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 25.00**Complete if Known**

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Small Entity	
Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

**Total Claims****Extra Claims****Fee (\$)****Fee Paid (\$)**21 - 20 or HP = 1 x 25.00 = 25.00

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

**Indep. Claims****Extra Claims****Fee (\$)****Fee Paid (\$)**   - 3 or HP =    x    =   

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**Multiple Dependent Claims**  
**Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)****3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

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